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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to cover the homecoming ceremony at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas on Friday, August 5, 2016, at 5 p.m. and must arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. Leadership and Soldiers from the battalion will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Thursday, August 4, 2016, by 5:00 p.m. with the Houston Astros Media Relations Manager, Dena Propis at 713-259-8545 or via email at dpropis@astros.com. Media will be required to show credentials.

Minute Maid Park is located at 501 Crawford St, Houston, Texas 77002.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas National Guardsmen return home from Kuwait

AUSTIN, Texas (August 3, 2016) - On Friday, August 5, 2016, at 5 p.m., the Texas Army National Guard will welcome home the Soldiers of the 136th Expeditionary Signal Battalion from their year-long deployment to Kuwait and surrounding areas. The homecoming ceremony will be held at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas.

The Houston-based signal battalion falls under the Joint Task Force 136 (Maneuver Enhancement Brigade), headquartered in Round Rock, Texas. While deployed, the battalion's mission was to provide communications capabilities to other deployed units across seven countries, including Kuwait, Jordan, The United Arab Emirates and Egypt. The Houston-based Texas Army National Guard battalion served under the U.S. Army's 160th Signal Brigade during their time overseas.

"I'm really honored to work with the Soldiers I'm working with. I'm really honored to be a part of the battalion," said 1st Lt. Jouhee Han, the 136th ESB's battle captain. "We're also expeditionary, so that means that we're not afraid to be in the tactical environment. We can set up just about anywhere."

The battalion is made up of approximately 300 Soldiers from throughout Texas and Alabama, with the majority of them calling the greater Houston area home.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

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